



# Fawkner News

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## Important Information

### HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR DETAILS?

Please notify the office of any changes to your address or contact details.

### TERM DATES 2020

5 October – 17 December

### TERM DATES 2021

28 January – 1 April  
19 April – 25 June  
12 July – 17 September  
4 October – 17 December

Remember: Bring a water bottle to school everyday!



Dear Parents,

It is so wonderful to have the children back at school. We understand that the lockdown period has been an extremely difficult time for parents and children, but we are so pleased that all the children and families have returned safe and well. We will continue to do everything to ensure the children are safe. This includes: temperature checks on arrival at school, regular hand sanitising and hand washing, children drinking from their own water bottles, encouraging social distancing where possible, and ensuring the children are doing the right things when playing with their friends.

**Social distancing and masks.** It is important that parents follow the guidelines and always wear masks inside the school grounds, and practice proper social distancing. If we all do the right thing we have a greater chance of not having any COVID cases at school.

**Staffing.** We have some changes to teachers after lock-down. Ms. Leah Myers has taken Leave until the end of the year and has been replaced by Mr. Scott Miller. Scott has already developed a great relationship with the children in Grade 1/2M and the children have really enjoyed getting to know their new teacher.

Mr. Joe Mills has also taken Leave for the rest of the term, and has been replaced by Mr. Patrick O'Connor. Patrick has also settled in extremely well and has developed a great relationship with the grade 3/4 children.

**Sun hats.** As we are now in Term 4 all children are expected to wear the school sun hat whenever they are outside. We have hats available for sale if parents need to buy a new one. We strongly recommend having the child's name written on the hat.

**Please teach your children to use the School Crossings.** Unfortunately we have had some instances of parents putting children's lives at risk by allowing them to cross the roads with lots of traffic also using the roads. Using the School Crossings is so much safer for the children. Sometimes it means the parents or the child has to walk further to use the crossings, but that is a much better option than having children risk being hit by a car by crossing in front of cars. **Today we almost had a serious accident** when a child ran across the road and was almost hit by a car.

**CSEF (Camps Sport & Excursion Fund).** If you hold a healthcare card and have not applied for CSEF this year please complete an application form, you will need to return the form together with a copy of your card to the school office.

We have been advised that **for 2020 CSEF can be used to pay for outstanding Essential Student Learning Items**, for those families who have not paid this charge and have available CSEF we will be sending home a form for you to complete to give us permission to do this. Please tick the correct box, sign the form and return the form to the office.

**Parent opinion Survey.** Next week we will send home an invitation to parents to complete a survey about the school. The survey is sent out every year. We will send versions or support material for English, Urdu and Arabic languages. The surveys usually take about 20-30 minutes to complete.

**Public Holiday next Friday, October 23.** The state public holiday for the AFL Grand Final is this coming Friday so next week is a 4 day week.

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Before and After School Care is  
now available

**at Fawkner Primary School.**

7am-8.45am

And

3.30pm – 6.00pm

Contact the team on

1300 072 410 for further information.

## HATS

It is Term 4 and we need to be sunsmart.

You will need a hat to play outside.

Please remember to bring your hat to school  
every day!



## FREE EXPERT PARENTING ADVICE

Families can now access free expert parenting advice through the online [Triple P – Positive Parenting Program](#).

The program is relevant to families with children between 2 and 16 years and provides strategies to deal with specific challenges, such as building children's resilience and dealing with conflict.

There are courses specifically for parents of toddlers to tweens, and for parents of pre-teens to teens.

It gives parents strategies to:

- raise happy, confident kids
- manage misbehaviour so everyone in the family enjoys life more
- set rules and routines that everyone respects and follows
- encourage positive behaviour
- take care of themselves as a parent
- feel confident they're doing the right thing.

[Sign up to the Triple P program via their website.](#)